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AT 8:30 M WILLIAM T. WALSH CLERK

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Re: Plea Agreement with Kenneth W. Morton

Dear Mr. Williams:

Cr. 13-622 (PGS)

This letter sets forth the plea agreement between your client, Kenneth W. Morton, and the United States Department of Justice, Tax Division ("this Office").

Charge

Conditioned on the understandings specified below, this Office will accept a guilty plea from Kenneth W. Morton to a one-count Information, which charges Kenneth W. Morton with filing false U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns ("Forms 1040") with the IRS for 2007, 2008 and 2009, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1). If Kenneth W. Morton enters a guilty plea and is sentenced on this charge, and otherwise fully complies with all of the terms of this agreement, this Office will not initiate any further criminal charges against Kenneth W. Morton for (1) filing false Forms 1040 for 2006 through 2011, in which he failed to report gross receipts earned through his business, or (2) filing false Forms 941, in which he failed to truthfully report and pay over employment taxes due and owing on cash wages paid to employees. However, in the event that a guilty plea in this matter is not entered for any reason or the judgment of conviction entered as a result of this guilty plea does not remain in full force and effect, defendant agrees that any dismissed charges and any other charges that are not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date this agreement is signed by Kenneth W. Morton may be commenced against him, notwithstanding the expiration of the limitations period after Kenneth W. Morton signs the agreement.

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Sentencing

The violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) to which Kenneth W. Morton agrees to plead guilty carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of 3 years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain that any persons derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense. Fines imposed by the sentencing judge may be subject to the payment of interest.

The sentence to be imposed upon Kenneth W. Morton is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge, subject to the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3551-3742, and the sentencing judge's consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The United States Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, not mandatory. The sentencing judge may impose any reasonable sentence up to and including the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and the maximum statutory fine. This Office cannot and does not make any representation or promise as to what guideline range may be found by the sentencing judge, or as to what sentence Kenneth W. Morton ultimately will receive.

Further, in addition to imposing any other penalty on Kenneth W. Morton, the sentencing judge: (1) will order Kenneth W. Morton to pay an assessment of \$100 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013, which assessment must be paid by the date of sentencing; (2) will order Kenneth W. Morton to pay restitution pursuant to the plea agreement; (3) may order Kenneth W. Morton to pay the costs of prosecution; and (4) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583, may require Kenneth W. Morton to serve a term of supervised release of not more than 1 year, which will begin at the expiration of any term of imprisonment imposed. Should Kenneth W. Morton be placed on a term of supervised release and subsequently violate any of the conditions of supervised release before the expiration of its term, Kenneth W. Morton may be sentenced to not more than 1 year imprisonment in addition to any prison term previously imposed, regardless of the statutory maximum term of imprisonment set forth above and without credit for time previously served on post-release supervision, and may be sentenced to an additional term of supervised release.

In addition to the foregoing, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C § 3663(a)(3), Kenneth W. Morton agrees to pay restitution in the amount of \$241,412 to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The restitution amount shall be paid according to a plan established by the Court. The Court will order Kenneth W. Morton to pay restitution to the IRS, either directly as part of the sentence or as a condition of supervised release. The IRS will use the restitution order as the basis for a civil assessment. See 26 U.S.C. § 6201(a)(4). Kenneth W. Morton does not have the right to challenge the amount of this assessment. See 26 U.S.C. § 6201(a)(4)(C). Neither the existence of a restitution payment schedule nor Kenneth W. Morton's timely payment of restitution according to that schedule will preclude the IRS from administrative collection of the restitution-based assessment, including levy and distraint under 26 U.S.C. § 6331.

Rights of This Office Regarding Sentencing

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, this Office reserves its right to take any position with respect to the appropriate sentence to be imposed on Kenneth W. Morton by the sentencing judge, to correct any misstatements relating to the sentencing proceedings, and to provide the sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office all law and information relevant to sentencing, favorable or otherwise. In addition, this Office may inform the sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office of: (1) this agreement; and (2) the full nature and extent of Kenneth W. Morton's activities and relevant conduct with respect to this case.

Stipulations

This Office and Kenneth W. Morton agree to stipulate at sentencing to the statements set forth in the attached Schedule A, which hereby is made a part of this plea agreement. This agreement to stipulate, however, cannot and does not bind the sentencing judge, who may make independent factual findings and may reject any or all of the stipulations entered into by the parties. To the extent that the parties do not stipulate to a particular fact or legal conclusion, each reserves the right to argue the existence of and the effect of any such fact or conclusion upon the sentence. Moreover, this agreement to stipulate on the part of this Office is based on the information and evidence that this Office possesses as of the date of this agreement. Thus, if this Office obtains or receives additional evidence or information prior to sentencing that it determines to be credible and to be materially in conflict with any stipulation in the attached Schedule A, this Office shall not be bound by any such stipulation. A determination that any stipulation is not binding shall not release either this Office or Kenneth W. Morton from any other portion of this agreement, including any other stipulation. If the sentencing court rejects a stipulation, both parties reserve the right to argue on appeal or at post-sentencing proceedings that the sentencing court was within its discretion and authority to do so. These stipulations do not restrict this Office's right to respond to questions from the Court and to correct misinformation that has been provided to the Court.

Waiver of Appeal and Post-Sentencing Rights

As set forth in Schedule A, this Office and Kenneth W. Morton waive certain rights to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion after sentencing, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Immigration Consequences

The defendant understands that, if he is not a citizen of the United States, his guilty plea to the charged offense will likely result in his being subject to immigration proceedings and removed from the United States by making him deportable, excludable, or inadmissible, or ending his naturalization. The defendant understands that the immigration consequences of this plea will be imposed in a separate proceeding before the immigration authorities. The defendant wants and agrees to plead guilty to the charged offense regardless of any immigration consequences of this plea, even if this plea will cause his removal from the United States. The defendant understands that he is bound by his guilty plea regardless of any immigration consequences of the plea. Accordingly, the defendant waives any and all challenges to his guilty plea and to his sentence based on any immigration consequences, and agrees not to seek to withdraw his guilty plea, or to file a direct appeal or any kind of collateral attack challenging his guilty plea, conviction, or sentence, based on any immigration consequences of his guilty plea.

Other Provisions

This agreement is limited to the United States Department of Justice, Tax Division and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and cannot bind other federal, state, or local authorities. However, this Office will bring this agreement to the attention of other prosecuting offices, if requested to do so.

This agreement was reached without regard to any civil or administrative matters that may be pending or commenced in the future against Kenneth W. Morton. This agreement does not prohibit the United States, any agency thereof (including the Internal Revenue Service), or any third party from initiating or prosecuting any civil or administrative proceeding against Kenneth W. Morton.

Prior to the date of sentencing, Kenneth W. Morton shall: (1) file accurate amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns (Forms 1040) for calendar years 2006 through 2011 or execute Waivers of Restrictions on Assessments and Collections of Deficiency in Tax and Acceptance of Overassessment (Forms 870); (2) file accurate amended Forms 941, for all quarters within calendar years 2007 through 2009 or execute Forms 870; (3) provide all appropriate documentation to the Internal Revenue Service in support of such returns, upon request; (4) pay to the Internal Revenue Service all taxes and any penalties owed on those returns or, if unable to do so, make satisfactory repayment arrangements with the Internal Revenue Service; and (5) fully cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service and comply with the tax laws of the United States. Further, Kenneth W. Morton agrees to allow the contents of his IRS criminal file to be given to civil attorneys and support staff of the Internal Revenue Service to enable them to investigate any and all civil penalties that may be due and owing by Kenneth W. Morton. With respect to disclosure of the criminal file to the Internal Revenue Service, Kenneth W. Morton

waives any rights under Title 26, United States Code, Section 7213 and Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), and any other right of privacy with respect to Kenneth W. Morton's tax returns and return information.

No Other Promises

This agreement constitutes the plea agreement between Kenneth W. Morton and this Office and supersedes any previous agreements between them. No additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

Very truly yours,

KATHRYN KENEALLY Assistant Attorney General

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U.S. Department of Justice

Tax Division

I have received this letter from my attorney, Robert H. Williams, Esq. I have read it. My attorney and I have discussed it and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. I understand this letter fully. I hereby accept its terms and conditions and acknowledge that it constitutes the plea agreement between the parties. I understand that no additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties. I want to plead guilty pursuant to this plea agreement.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Kenneth W. Morton

Date: 7-25-2013

I have discussed with my client this plea agreement and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. My client understands this plea agreement fully and wants to plead guilty pursuant to it.

Robert H. Williams, Esq. /25/2013

Plea Agreement With Kenneth W. Morton

Schedule A

- 1. This Office and Kenneth W. Morton recognize that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the Court. This Office and Kenneth W. Morton nevertheless agree to the stipulations set forth herein.
- 2. The version of the United States Sentencing Guidelines effective November 1, 2012, applies in this case. The applicable guidelines are U.S.S.G. §§ 2T1.1 and 2T4.1. The parties agree that the tax loss caused by Kenneth W. Morton is \$241,412, which is greater than \$200,000 but less than \$400,000. This corresponds to an Offense Level of 18.
- 3. As of the date of this letter, Kenneth W. Morton has clearly demonstrated a recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the offense charged. Therefore, a downward adjustment of 2 levels for acceptance of responsibility is appropriate if Kenneth W. Morton's acceptance of responsibility continues through the date of sentencing. See U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a).
- 4. As of the date of this letter, Kenneth W. Morton has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of his own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting this Office to avoid preparing for trial and permitting this Office and the court to allocate their resources efficiently. At sentencing, this Office will move for a further 1-point reduction in Kenneth W. Morton's offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) if the following conditions are met: (a) Kenneth W. Morton enters a plea pursuant to this agreement, (b) this Office in its discretion determines that Kenneth W. Morton's acceptance of responsibility has continued through the date of sentencing and Kenneth W. Morton therefore qualifies for a 2-point reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), and (c) Kenneth W. Morton's offense level under the Guidelines prior to the operation of § 3E1.1(a) is 16 or greater.
- 5. In accordance with the above, the parties agree that the total Guidelines offense level applicable to Kenneth W. Morton is 15 (the "agreed total Guidelines offense level").

¹ The guidelines range of greater than \$200,000 but less than \$400,000 includes the tax loss resulting from employment taxes due and owing to the IRS for all quarters of 2007 through 2009, to which the defendant has agreed.

- 6. The parties agree not to seek or argue for any upward or downward departure or adjustment not set forth herein. The parties further agree that a sentence within the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 15 is reasonable. Kenneth W. Morton reserves his right, pursuant to <u>United States v. Booker</u>, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), and 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to seek or argue for a variance from the advisory sentencing guidelines.
- 7. Kenneth W. Morton knows that he has and, except as noted below in this paragraph, voluntarily waives, the right to file any appeal, any collateral attack, or any other writ or motion, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or below the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 15. This Office will not file any appeal, motion, or writ which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or above the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 15. The parties reserve any right they may have under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 to appeal the sentencing court's determination of the criminal history category. The provisions of this paragraph are binding on the parties even if the Court employs a Guidelines analysis different from that stipulated to herein. Furthermore, if the sentencing court accepts a stipulation, both parties waive the right to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion claiming that the sentencing court erred in doing so.
- 8. Both parties reserve the right to oppose or move to dismiss any appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion barred by the preceding paragraph and to file or to oppose any appeal, collateral attack, writ or motion not barred by the preceding paragraph.